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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SI MIDDLE EAST FACT-FINDING MISSION
TO MAHGREB

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1. AUSTRIAN SOCIALIST MP KARL CZERNETZ, WHO IS
FOLLOWING SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL (SI) ACTIVITIES FOR
SI PRESIDENT PITTERMAN DURING LATTER'S TEMPORARY
ILLNESS, TOLD EMBASSY LABATT FEB. 5 THAT SI'S SECOND
FACT-FINDING MISSION TO MIDDLE EAST WOULD VISIT MAHGREB
STATES FEBRUARY 8-14. MISSION WILL BE LED BY AUSTRIAN
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CHANCELLOR BRUNO KREISKY; OTHER MEMBERS ARE SI SECGEN

JANITSCHKE, SWEDISH SOCDEM INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY
BERNT CARLSSON, FRG SPD INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY HANS
EBERHARD DINGELS, ITALIAN PSDI INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY
ANTONIO CARIGLIA, AND REP OF ITALIAN SOCDEM PARTY
WHOM CZERNETZ IDENTIFIED AS LEZZI (MAY BE FACTION
LEADER FERRI). FRENCH SOCIALIST PARTY INTERNATIONAL
SECRETARY PONTILLON, WHO WILL BE IN MOSCOW, AND
BRITISH LABOR PARTY REP HAYWARD, PLEADING PREOCCUPATION
AT HOME, HAVE BEEN SCRATCHED. GROUP WILL VISIT MOROCCO,
ALGERIA, TUNISIA AND LIBYA. SEPARATE VISIT TO SAUDI
ARABIA PLANNED FOR LATER IN YEAR CANNOT BE UNDERTAKEN
BEFORE AUSTRIAN ELECTION OCTOBER 5.

2. CZERNETZ SAID PURPOSE OF SI MISSION IS TO CONTINUE
TO EXPAND CONTACTS BETWEEN ARAB AND EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS,
AND IN THIS WAY TO INDICATE EUROPEANS' INTEREST IN
FUTURE OF ARAB SOCIALISM AND TO AFFIRM THAT ALTERNATIVE
EXISTS TO AUTHORITARIAN SOCIALISM OF COMMUNIST VARIETY
AND TO ARABS' OWN ONE-PARTY POLITICAL SYSTEMS. HE
SAID NONE OF ARAB STATES, INCLUDING TUNISIA, NOW MEET
SI CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP BECAUSE OF ONE-PARTY PHILOSOPHIES,
BUT THAT EGYPTIANS CONTINUED TO SHOW KEEN INTEREST IN
SI MEMBERSHIP. HE SAID SI COULD GO NO FURTHER NOW,
HOWEVER, THEN TO PERMIT EGYPTIAN SOCIALISTS TO MEET
WITH SI COMMITTEE FOR MIDDLE EAST AS INTERESTED PARTY. HUMES

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